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SUBJ: EC DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS
DIRECTIVE

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1. SUMMARY: THE COMMISSION HAS COMPLETED AN INTERNAL
WORKING PAPER OF A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON MEDICATED FEEDING-
STUFFS. CONTRARY TO CURRENT PRACTICES IN SOME MEMBER
STATES, PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE VETERINARY AUTHORIZATION
FOR ALL FARMER PURCHASES OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS.
APPEARS THAT RESOLUTION OF MEMBER STATE DIFFERENCES
WILL BE DIFFICULT. END SUMMARY.

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2. MISSION HAS OBTAINED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS A
COMMISSION WORKING PAPER OF A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR AN EC
DIRECTIVE FOR MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS (VETERINARY
MEDICINAL PRODUCTS DESIGNED TO BE ADMINISTERED TO ANIMALS
IN THEIR FEED). COMMENTS ARE NOW BEING ELICITED FROM
THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY TRADE AND ANIMAL HEALTH INTERESTS

WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY BE AFFECTED.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING SAID THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING BASIC MEMBER STATE AGREEMENT ON THE DRAFT. HE ADMITTED TO BEING RATHER DISCOURAGED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE MEMBER STATE DIFFERENCES WHICH AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS OF HAGGLING APPEARED TO HIM TO BE MORE POLITICALLY THAN TECHNICALLY MOTIVATED. BECAUSE HE FEELS HE CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING MORE BY FURTHER REDRAFTING, HE IS DISPOSED TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PUT THE "POLITICAL" DISAGREEMENTS IN THE PROPER FORUM. OFFICIAL HOPES THAT DRAFT WILL BE READY TO FORWARD TO COUNCIL AS FINAL PROPOSAL IN NEXT 2 MONTHS, BUT HE DOES NOT SEE EARLY RESOLUTION OF MEMBER STATE DIFFERENCES.

4. THE BASIC TENET OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL IS THAT FARMERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION FROM A REGISTERED VETERINARIAN BEFORE ADMINISTERING MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS TO THEIR ANIMALS. SEVERAL MEMBER STATES (THE UK, IRELAND AND THE NETHERLANDS) APPARENTLY WISH TO MAINTAIN THE OPTION THAT FARMERS BE ALLOWED TO GIVE THEIR ANIMALS CERTAIN MEDICATED PREMIXES IN FEEDS WITHOUT VETERINARY APPROVAL. DISAGREEMENT CENTERS ON THE ISSUE OF INCREASED COSTS TO FARMERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGH HIGHER FEED COSTS AND VETERINARY BILLS VERSUS THE PERCEIVED NEED TO CONTROL VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS AND TO STANDARDIZE THEIR APPLICATION WITH A VIEW TO PROTECTING THE CONSUMER OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS. THE TRADE IS REPORTEDLY ALSO CONCERNED THAT CERTAIN ANTIBIOTICS AND COCCIDIOSTATS NOW PERMITTED IN ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS WITHIN THE SPECIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 70/524 (REF. A) COULD EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT UNDER THE MORE STRICT RULES OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL ON MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS. WHILE THE CURRENT DRAFT OF THE PROPOSAL ON MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS EXEMPTS THE MEDICATED PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE DIRECTIVE ON ADDITIVES IN FEEDINGSTUFFS (THESE ARE USED PRIMARILY FOR THEIR GROWTH STIMULATING AND PROPHYLACTIC PROPERTIES), IT DOES SO ONLY IF LEVELS OF USE DO NOT EXCEED THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE ANNEXES. WHERE USE LEVELS WOULD EXCEED THOSE SPECIFIED, THE PROPOSED DIRECTIVE ON MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS WOULD APPLY. NEW MEDICINAL PRODUCTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY EITHER DIRECTIVE DEPENDING ON THEIR LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION IN FEEDINGSTUFFS.

5. IN ADDITION TO REQUIRING VETERINARY AUTHORIZATION

FOR FARMER PURCHASES OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS, DRAFT PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THAT THE MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS OBTAIN AN AUTHORIZATION FROM MEMBER STATE CERTIFYING THAT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PREPARATION, PACKAGING, AND THE PRESENTATION OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED. TO BE AUTHORIZED, THE PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE THAT EACH MANUFACTURER HAVE PERMANENTLY, AND CONTINUOUSLY AT HIS DISPOSAL, ONE QUALIFIED PERSON TO MAKE SURE THAT PROVISIONS OF THE DIRECTIVE RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURE OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS ARE BEING ADHERED TO.

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IMPORTERS OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS OBTAIN AN AUTHORIZATION FROM MEMBER STATE CERTIFYING THAT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PREPARATION, PACKAGING, AND THE PRESENTATION OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED. TO BE AUTHORIZED, THE PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE THAT EACH MANUFACTURER HAVE PERMANENTLY, AND CONTINUOUSLY AT HIS DISPOSAL, ONE QUALIFIED PERSON TO MAKE SURE THAT PROVISIONS OF THE DIRECTIVE RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURE OF MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS ARE BEING ADHERED TO.

6. MANY OF THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL
ON MEDICATED FEEDINGSTUFFS PARALLEL THOSE OF THE PROPOSED
DIRECTIVE ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS STILL BEFORE
THE COUNCIL. PORTIONS OF EARLIER COUNCIL DIRECTIVES
75/319/EEC AND 65/65/EEC DEALING WITH THE
PROPRIETARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS ARE ALSO MIRRORED IN THE
COMMISSION DRAFT.
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